

4,000 coin collectors are headed here for huge expo in Rosemont

By Roger Boye

As many as 4,000 collectors are expected to converge on suburban Rosemont later this week for the Chicago area's biggest coin show in nearly two years.

Organizers say that at least 350 dealers from about 40 states will sell rare coins and paper money as part of the annual convention of the Central States Numismatic Society. The huge bourse will be in Exhibit Hall F of the Rosemont-O'Hare Exposition Center, 5555 N. River Road.

Items on sale will range from wheat pennies and silver certificate \$1 bills to extremely rare gold pieces, a treasure-trove of money collectibles. Some dealers also will offer coin jewelry and sports cards.

Other convention activities include:

- Lectures on detecting counterfeit ancient coins by Arnold R. Saslow of South Orange, N.J., at 11 a.m. Saturday, and U.S. commemorative coins by Anthony

Swiatek of Manhasset, N.Y., at 1 p.m. Saturday. Both will speak from rooms in the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 Bryn Mawr Ave., adjacent to the Exposition Center.

- A special program for young collectors led by Florence M. Schook, past president of the American Numismatic Association, at noon Saturday in the Hyatt.
- Rare coin auctions at 6:30 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday in the Hyatt.

● Educational displays within the bourse area of Exhibit Hall F.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday (Central State's "Professional Numismatists Guild Day"), 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Sunday.

Admission is free to the sales area, educational programs and auctions. A day's worth of parking on the west side of River Road, across from the center, costs \$6.